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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS

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FOR SCICOUNS

1. AT OCT 3-5 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IT WAS NEPOROZHNIY WHO PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS IN MARCH-MAY PERIOD FOLLOWED BY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY. WE SEE NO POINT TO JC MEETING BEFORE EXPERTS HAVE DEVELOPED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. ASSISTANT ERDA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY (SOON TO BE NAMED) WILL BE ASKED TO SERVE AS LEADER OR TO DESIGNATE LEADERS FOR TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE NEW R&D COAL, OIL AND GAS PROJECTS. COMPOSITION OF GROUPS WILL DEPEND UPON UNCLASSIFIED

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ITINERARIES TO BE AGREED UPON.

3. SUGGEST COAL GROUP CONSIDER FIRST THREE US SUGGESTIONS AND FIRST SIX USSR SUGGESTIONS IN APPENDIX 5B OF RECORD OF OCTOBER 3-5 ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. PROPOSE US COAL GROUP VISIT USSR MARCH 20 TO APRIL 4. SUGGEST ITINERARY INCLUDE:

A) FOR MECHANICAL COAL CLEANING (FIRST US SUGGESTION): UKRAINIAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR COAL PREPARATION IN LUGANSK AND KUZNETS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN PROKOP'YEVSK;

B) FOR COMBUSTION OF COAL/SLURRY MIXTURES (SECOND US SUGGESTION): PILOT PLANT AT INSTITUTE OF FOSSIL FUELS OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MINISTRY OF COAL INDUSTRY, IN MOSCOW;

C) FOR UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION (THIRD US SUGGESTION): ONE OF THREE INSTALLATIONS AT ANKRIN, TULA OR YUZHNO-ABINSK WHERE MOST RESEARCH GOING ON IN THIS AREA;

D) FOR SURFACE COAL LIQUEFACTION AND GASIFICATION (PART OF FIFTH SOVIET SUGGESTION): ONE OR TWO INSTITUTES SELECTED BY SOVIET SIDE. FOR THESE AND FOR OTHER FIVE SOVIET COAL SUGGESTIONS, US GROUP WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO SEE WHAT SOVIETS WISH TO SHOW THEM.

4. FOR SUBSEQUENT VISIT BY SOVIET COAL EXPERTS TO US, SUGGEST ITINERARY INCLUDE:

A) FOR THERMOCATALYTIC PROCESSING OF COAL TO OBTAIN FUEL WITH LOW SULPHUR CONTENT (THIRD SOVIET SUGGESTION): BUREAU OF MINES LABS AT PITTSBURGH AND MORGANTOWN;

B) FOR PIPELINE QUALITY GAS FROM COAL (PART OF FIFTH SOVIET SUGGESTION): OPERATING PLANTS AT IGT CHICAGO AND CARBON DIOXIDE ACCEPTOR PLANT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA;

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C) FOR PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT IN CONNECTION WITH OPEN-PIT AND UNDERGROUND MINING: EPA'S NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, CINCINNATI, OHIO. FOR THESE AND OTHER US AND SOVIET SUGGESTIONS, US WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE VISITS TO OTHER US LOCATIONS DESIRED BY SOVIETS.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY ABOVE TO STOLYAROV AND SEEK

SOVIET RESPONSE.

6. SEPARATE MESSAGES FOLLOW ON OIL, GAS, AND ENERGY
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